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## Goodwill relieved over van's return

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**CRIME** Goodwill staff are calling off a warning to the public of thieves potentially canvassing Edmonton neighbourhoods in an attempt to scam donations from unsuspecting homeowners.

Employees at the charity's west-end warehouse realized on Aug. 13 a one-ton donation van had been stolen.

The van was recovered yesterday in Evansburg.

Goodwill spokeswoman Barbara Engelbart said she was nervous when the van disappeared, as similar heists at sister stores across North America ended with unsuspecting donors scammed out of household goods.

Officials credit media exposure for the van's discovery.

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**Teens drive,  
parents fret**



Dawn Schumaker holds up her eviction notice from her home with her two sons Tyler Warren, 15, and Michael Warren, 11, yesterday. The family has been told to vacate their home, which is under the control of Habitat for Humanity, by October of this year.

# Family gets the boot

Woman, kids being forced out of Habitat for Humanity home

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**Less than a year after Dawn Schumaker and her two sons moved into a Habitat for Humanity home, they're being forced to pack their bags and find a new place to live.**

"I don't know where we're going to go," Schumaker said from her Kirkness-area home yesterday.

Schumaker and her 11- and 15-year-old sons moved into the home in October.

She says she received an eviction notice from Habitat in July, citing various rule infractions, including housing five pets, missed payments and household neglect.

Though Habitat officials would not reveal specifics about the file, Habitat spokeswoman Wanda Denny-Lesjack insisted each family is phoned as a warn-

**"We deserve a second chance."**

Dawn Schumaker

ing when broken rules pile up.

"It's not like if you break one little rule, you get kicked out," Denny-Lesjack said. "It's not about one or two little things, it's a list of things that people break."

Schumaker claims she never received a call. Though she admits she hasn't phoned Habitat to attempt a resolution, she says an appeal request she sent via email was ignored.

"People make mistakes," Schumaker said. "Sometimes, people deserve a second chance. We deserve a second chance."

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## Police reveal poppies

**KENDALL WALTERS**  
for Metro Edmonton

**DRUGS** The Edmonton Police Service seized over 160 pounds of dried opium poppies in an undercover bust last Thursday, and revealed the spoils of their sting to the media yesterday.

"We believe this is the largest opium poppy seizure in Alberta's history," said Greg Preston, acting inspector of the organized crime branch.

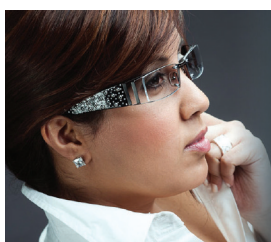
EPS received a tip last week that a package containing poppy heads was on its way.

The police have charged both Ravi Mohan Jolly, 52, and his business, Neelkamal Indian Grocery & Movies Ltd., for possession with the purpose of trafficking.

They confiscated over 160 pounds of dried poppy heads and 13 bags of powdered dried poppy heads.




Police display some of the seized opium poppies.



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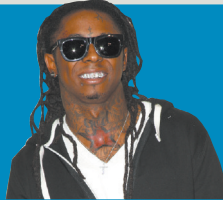
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Kids can put their puppets on parade at Total's Under the Big Top Festival's Puppet Picnic on Aug. 23. From 1 to 4 p.m., attendees can enjoy a picnic lunch, live music, interactive roving puppets and free shows from talented puppeteers. Kids can also try their hand at creating new puppets. **METRO EDMONTON**

# Local



## Lil Wayne concert cancelled

Lil Wayne, left, Young Jeezy, Soulja Boy, Pleasure P and Jeremih were absent from Rexall Place stage last night, and won't be gracing Calgary fans with their presence tonight, after the Young Money Presents: America's Most Wanted Music Festival tour stops were cancelled in Western Canada. Promoters report Lil Wayne is under doctor-imposed rest, and has offered an apology to fans, who will be reimbursed for tickets through Ticketmaster. **METRO EDMONTON**



## Livestock set to graze on public land

**AGRICULTURE** Livestock producers who have been struggling with the lack of forage to feed their animals during the current dry conditions may be able to access Alberta's public grazing lands.

In response to a request from the Alberta Beef Producers, the province will provide haying and grazing opportunities by temporarily relaxing the Alberta government's grazing subletting policy on public land.

This will allow producers in areas hard hit by the dry conditions to work with other producers who hold agriculture leases on public land. If there is available forage to support more animals on the leased or vacant public land, the department may approve applications for temporary replacement grazing opportunities. Due to the limited amount of public grazing land available for these purposes, the government will review these requests on a case-by-case basis.

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# Unveiling a pair of mysteries

Simple pleasure of zombies preferable to cryptic suburban fare

## FringeFest

**YURI WUENSCH**  
for Metro Edmonton

## Fringe info

• For listings, tickets and more information about the Edmonton Fringe Festival go to [fringetheatreventures.ca](http://fringetheatreventures.ca).

**A great secret, like great art, is in the eye of the beholder. And in the case of Mockingbird Close, some mysteries are best left unsolved, and maybe unwatched.**

That may be a little harsh given Trevor Schmidt's pedigree as a local playwright and director, but Mockingbird Close was a bit of a dead end, frankly. Not that the premise didn't sound intriguing. Hank (Cody Porter) and Iris (Tiana Leonty) are a couple

isolated in their own neighbourhood, searching for their lost son while uncovering some ugly truths about the people they've otherwise managed to avoid. Thematically, it plays a bit like Mad Men meets the underrated Tom Hanks comedy The Burbs.

Performance-wise, Porter and Leonty do decent work, but much of their dialogue is exposition by way of monologue so there isn't

much chemistry to be had. Their marriage may be dysfunctional, but because they're drawn more as archetypes it's hard to draw much of a connection to them as characters.

When they do set out into the neighbourhood to find their son, the neighbours feel more like clichéd red herrings and the finale's big reveal is more of a ponderous head-scratcher. Ultimately, Mockingbird Close is too cryptic for its own good.

Simpler pleasures are to be had with For the Love of a Zombie. Granted, you can telegraph the play's mystery after just a few minutes, but it doesn't make the proceedings any less interesting — or less fun.

Beyond the scares and gore, zombie movies have traditionally been fertile ground for social commentary, whether it's George A. Romero's original Dawn of the Dead or the comedic Shawn of the Dead. In the instance of For the Love of a Zombie, the play seems predicated simply on any and every opportunity to pillage the dead for cheap laughs.

Oh, there's a plot all right. Earnest drifter takes a job as a farmhand in southern Alberta only to discover secrets buried in the field. A zombie attack ensues, their taste for flesh outdone only by the script's penchant for one-liners. Sure, a horny zombie who refers to himself

as "a stiff" is hardly deep, but it got the job done.

If the play has one shortcoming, it's that it may depend a little too heavily on its multimedia component — roughly half the play is a film of the same characters projected onto a screen. However, it's a minor quibble in what is an otherwise amusing romp.

## G-Man Confidential

**Sterling Lynch**

Read Sterling's Fringe Festival blog at [metronews.ca/blogs](http://metronews.ca/blogs)

## Feds give city \$5.6M for crime prevention

**FUNDS** Crime prevention is getting a boost in Edmonton.

Federal officials announced communities that "want to solve their own problems" are being handed cash to reduce crime on their streets.

Edmonton programs will be bolstered with a total of \$5.6 million. The announcement was made at Edmonton's

make better choices," Van Loan said. "We'll have much safer communities in the long run."

The cash will be divided by four programs in the

**"The bottom line is to keep young people from ever getting involved with crime, helping them to make better choices."**

Peter Van Loan, public safety minister

Canadian Native Friendship Centre yesterday, touted enthusiastically by Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan and Labour Minister and Edmonton-Spruce Grove MP Rona Ambrose. "The bottom line is to keep young people from ever getting involved with crime, helping them to

program that teaches life skills to gang-prone adolescents.

The programs are centred around First Nations youth.

"It's time to make sure law-abiding citizens aren't afraid to enjoy their own communities," Van Loan said. **METRO EDMONTON**

## News in brief

**ARRESTS** St. Albert RCMP have arrested three youths in connection with the recent rash of thefts from vehicles. Police received a tip around 8:40 a.m. on Sunday about youth attempting to sell stolen

property. They investigated immediately and arrested three 16-year-old St. Albert teens for possession of stolen property not exceeding \$5,000. Police recovered approximately 36 items. **METRO EDMONTON**

## City hall Chengdu quake families visit Edmonton



Rending He performs a dance for an audience at city hall yesterday. He is one of the 18 children whose parents were killed in the 2008 Chengdu earthquake who got a chance to spend a week in Edmonton this week, and, as a thanks to the city, the children performed at city hall yesterday.



**Dropkick Murphys here in November**

Irish-American Celtic punkers the Dropkick Murphys are set to play the Edmonton Event Centre on Nov. 14. Tickets are \$31, available at Ticketmaster. **METRO EDMONTON**

# Family of man missing in river seeks closure, information

**KENDALL WALTERS**  
for Metro Edmonton



**The family of a missing Devon man pulled away by the currents of the North Saskatchewan River is looking for closure.**

Thirty-one-year-old Derek Gene Soosay, from

Samson Cree First Nation, disappeared over two weeks ago when he took a swim in the river. He waded into the water from the Devon Bridge Boat Launch around 1:30 a.m. on Aug. 2 and was swept away by the powerful current.

Soosay's common-law

wife, Penny, who didn't reveal her last name, saw it all happen.

"He started hollering for help," she said. "When we couldn't see him at all, we thought he'd just swam ashore."

Within five minutes, the group called 9-1-1. Police immediately began a

ground, air and water search. So far nothing has been found.

"It's very hard. I cry myself to sleep all the time," said Penny. "Every time I go to sleep I see that last image and think, maybe I should've gone in."

The boat launch where Soosay went missing was a

spot he knew well, according to Penny.

"He would take the kids down there pretty much every day. They'd park and go swimming," said Penny. "We all spent a lot of time down there in the summers."

The most difficult part, she said, is the uncertainty.

Soosay's family is asking for the public's help in finding him. According to police, he was last seen wearing blue jeans, a black leather jacket, a white, long-sleeved shirt and white running shoes.

Anyone with information is asked to call Stony Plain RCMP at 780-968-7267.

## AC/DC tickets open up for Aug. 26 show

**COMMONWEALTH** A new block of tickets has been released for AC/DC's Aug. 26 show at Commonwealth Stadium.

The legendary Aussie rockers will appear with special guests The Answer. Doors are open at 6 p.m. and performers take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

Reserved seating priced at \$99.50 and \$69.50 will be available through Ticketmaster, with tickets on sale today at 4 p.m.

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Tickets for the 2009/2010 season go on sale Aug. 18.

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Saudi diplomat Marwan Al Harbi, 30, who was facing charges after a head-on collision with an Ottawa police cruiser on June 2, left Canada after being recalled to Saudi Arabia, CBC News Online reports. Ottawa police said Monday they had issued a warrant for Al Harbi's arrest. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Diplomat facing charges recalled to Saudi Arabia**

# Canada



## Passport typo worries woman

When Miriam Steinberg opened the express mail envelope yesterday, it contained a surprise: Her spanking-new passport, a day earlier than expected, and a typo, OTTAWA. Her place of birth had been misspelled with an extra T. Steinberg said, "I was told as long as my name hadn't been misspelled, I was fine and that (passport) was valid." Steinberg was shocked. She has been following the story of Suad Hagi Mohamud, the Toronto mother who was marooned in Kenya after officials said her lips didn't match those in the passport photo. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## PM sups on seal meat to promote industry

**POLITICS** Prime Minister Stephen Harper bit into a culinary controversy yesterday, dining on seal meat in symbolic defence of the country's embattled seal-hunting industry.

Harper dined on seal ribs and liver in Iqaluit, where hunting seals for survival and trade is a traditional part of the native way of life.

Animals rights activists, especially in Europe, are trying to shut down Canada's seal-hunting industry, and the European Union voted this year to impose a trade ban on seal products.

Canada has vowed to fight the trade sanctions, saying that claims that seal hunters abuse the animals in the process of hunting them are false and that criticism of the industry is

### Previously...

• Gov.-Gen. Michaëlle Jean, Canada's head of state, sparked a controversy in May when she dined on raw seal heart while visiting Nunavut and participating in a traditional seal skinning.

inflamed by emotion, not scientific facts.

The visitor's guide to Iqaluit credits the Arctic fur trade's role in replacing whale hunting after whale stocks collapsed in the region in 1905.

Harper's lunch was not observed by reporters, and his staff did not immediately know what he thought of the taste of seal meat, which was both raw and boiled. **REUTERS**

## Harper starts tour of Arctic

PM to assert Canadian sovereignty claims, set up agency in Far North

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper launched a tour to assert Canada's Arctic sovereignty claims yesterday, saying the government was not ignoring the vast but sparsely populated region's economic and social ills.**

Harper pledged that a recently announced economic development agency for the Far North would be headquartered in Iqaluit, the capital of the Nunavut territory, not in the far away federal capital of Ottawa.

"Obviously, our sovereignty is far greatly enhanced if we have thriving indigenous communities, healthy communities, throughout the territory," Harper told an audience in Iqaluit, an isolated com-



Canadian soldiers pass by a beached boat after landing on a beach in Apex, Nunavut on Baffin Island yesterday. The landing was part of military manoeuvres held there amidst Prime Minister Stephen Harper's tour of the North.

munity of about 7,250 on Baffin Island.

It was the first in a series of announcements Harper

is expected to make in a cross-country week-long tour to promote Canada's claims in the Arctic, some

of which have been challenged by other countries, included the United States. **REUTERS**

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**Former South Korean leader Kim Dae-Jung dies**

Former president Kim Dae-jung, who won the 2000 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to forge a reconciliation with the prickly communist North, died yesterday at the age of 85. **REUTERS**

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# World



British soldiers survey the site of a bomb blast in Kabul yesterday. Seven people were killed and 52 wounded by a suicide car bomber who rammed his car into a convoy of Western troops in the Afghan capital, said Farid Raed an official at the public health ministry.

## Suicide bomber strikes Kabul ahead of vote

**A suicide bomber rammed an explosive-laden car into a NATO convoy in the Afghan capital yesterday, killing at least eight people in a wave of violence two days before an election the Taliban has vowed to disrupt.**

Rockets also hit Kabul, several rural polling stations were attacked, a provincial council candidate was gunned down and three election workers were killed by a bomb in violence ahead of Thursday's vote.

Incumbent Hamid Karzai is seeking re-election in the second presidential ballot since the Taliban were ousted

### News blackout

• Afghanistan ordered Western and domestic media yesterday to impose a blackout on coverage of violence during Thursday's presidential election, saying it did not want Afghans to be frightened away from the polls.

ed in 2001, and a credible result is vital for the country's success in attracting investment and development aid.

Afghan officials and NATO-led forces said more than 50 people were wounded by yesterday's car bombing, the second massive strike of its kind in four days after

months that had seen no major attacks penetrate the usually secure capital.

One NATO service member and two Afghans working for the United Nations were among the dead, the rest Afghan civilians.

In a statement, Karzai said such attacks would not deter Afghans, who would vote "despite the efforts of the enemies and will show their opposition to their barbaric acts."

Polls show Karzai likely to win Thursday's vote, but suggest he could fall short of the outright majority needed to avoid a second round run-off in October.

**REUTERS**

### Opposition says state agents raped detainees



**TEHRAN** Opposition leader Mirhossein Mousavi accused "establishment agents" of raping and abusing detainees imprisoned after Iran's June presidential vote and urged the powerful clerics to do their duty and speak out.

In a forthright declaration that puts the Islamic republic's influential top clerics on the spot, Mousavi demanded they step in and pass judgment on a growing political scandal. **REUTERS**

## Obama sees signs Israel's settlement stance softening

**MIDDLE EAST** U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday he saw encouraging signs of a softening of Israel's resistance to his call for a freeze on settlement-building in the occupied West Bank.

Earlier yesterday, an Israeli government minister said no tenders had been issued for new housing projects in Israeli settlements since Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's right-leaning government took office five months ago. Netanyahu has rebuffed Obama's push for a complete freeze, creating

the most serious rift in U.S.-Israeli relations in a decade.

"There has been movement in the right direction," Obama said when asked about the latest development after talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak at the White House.

The two leaders, meeting for the third time in as many months, talked about how to jump-start the stalled Middle East peace process, a top foreign policy priority for Obama.

It was Mubarak's first visit to the United States since 2004. **REUTERS**



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## Comment

# Fear our Arctic strength

## TheWestView

**Paul Sullivan**

metronews.ca/thewestview

You probably don't lie awake at night worrying about Canada's claim to Arctic sovereignty, but the Prime Minister appears to be tossing and turning over the future of the True North Strong and Free.

One of the How About That? consequences of global warming is that the polar ice cap is melting three times faster than previously thought, and that means sea routes such as the Northwest Passage could be ice free, at least part of the year, as early as 2015.

This new access puts the top of the world back on the map. Former Arctic wastes now have commercial value as access to vast oil and mineral reserves,

not to mention commercial shipping routes improves. Taking the Northwest Passage from Japan to Northern Europe cuts 5,000 miles off the commute.

Thanks to all this melting, we are subject to the spectacle — I don't know what else to call it — of the highest Canadian government officials trooping to remote Arctic outposts and ordering up raw seal for lunch.

Prime Minister Harper, who is probably not even comfortable at a Calgary Stampede BBQ, is manfully choking down seal and shaking his fist at the European Union ban on products from the annual traditional seal hunt,

which also plays well up north.

At the same time, he is doing his best to protect Canadian sovereignty by making announcements, which is sure to cause our Arctic competitors (USA, Russia, Denmark and Norway) to quake in their furlined boots. Defense Minister Peter MacKay officially launched our first northern military reserve Monday, vowing to bring it to full strength by 2019. Full strength, by the way, is 100 not-so-warm bodies.

Once their knees stop stinging from all that hearty knee-slapping, our northern competitors will have to stifle further laughter as the PM is scheduled to board the HMCS Toronto today to observe Operation Nanook, in which the Canadian navy pretends to look for Russian and U.S. ultra-

sophisticated, stealthy nuclear subs that currently patrol our arctic waters with impunity.

And if none of the above doesn't force them to admit that Canada is Lord of the North, Mr. Harper also announced the new HQ for the Canadian Northern Economic Development or CanNor, will be in Iqaluit, with satellite offices in Yellowknife and Whitehorse — an announcement the competition Can-Ignore.

Do I have to point out the obvious? If we're really serious about asserting sovereignty over the North, especially that sketchy passage through the Parry Channel, we'll have to do better than order seal sushi for lunch and issue a couple of press releases. Even if they discover a nest of beavers at the North Pole, the best we can ever expect to do is maintain sovereignty as proxies for the Americans. And that's the True North.

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Stephen Harper



## Word on the street: If Michael Vick was on your favourite sports team, would you cheer for him?

**Matt Morris**

age 23, Toronto

A: No. I wouldn't cheer for him ... Everytime I see him, I'm gonna be thinking of these deathly, disgusting images of these poor animals.

**Shayla Nicholson**

age 16, Edmonton

A: Yeah I would. If he did his time then we should be able to get over it.

**Anthony Dominik**

age 75, Edmonton

A: Yes I would still cheer for him, because I still like him.

**Aaron Rehel**

age 23, Ottawa

A: Yes, I would. I think that a lot of people have blown this situation out of proportion.

**Colin Robertson**

age 54, Ottawa

A: I believe in redemption. What he did was terrible, but everyone makes mistakes and deserves another chance. He was a great football player.

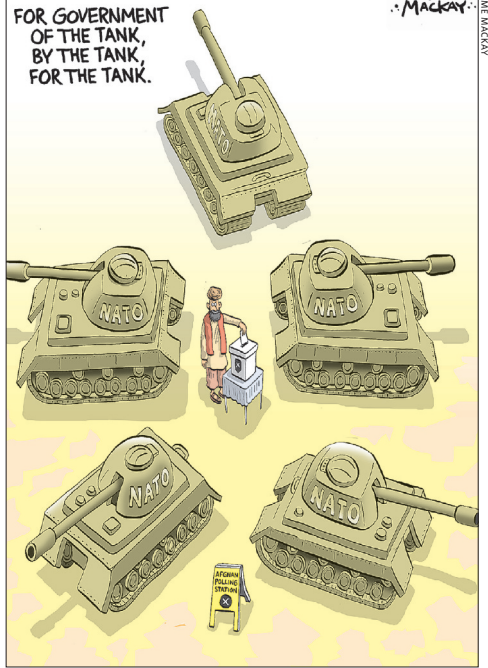
**Lindsay Hicks**

age 25, Halifax, N.S.

A: No. I am an animal lover. To have dogs fight for sport is inhumane and cruel.



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## Worth mentioning

# Looking for UFOs? Head Down Under, says hunter

How about some UFOs with your holiday? An Australian photographer and self-styled alien hunter believes the country's north is a hotspot for unexplained aerial activity, and the tourism association is not discouraging him.

Alan Ferguson believes the vast Northern Territory state has more than its share of unidentified flying objects that could one day rival more established tourist attractions at Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks.

"All these years I've been sitting watching these things and thought: 200,000 people a year go to Roswell in the U.S. to see a museum, why wouldn't you entice people to come here, to see the real thing," Ferguson told Reuters.

Ferguson recently provided a video, aired on national television, which he says proves his case. The segment is now posted on the Internet.

Ferguson suggested his idea of promoting UFO-watching holidays to Tourism Top End, the region's tourist association. "It's been amazing, there's a huge amount of interest," Tourism Top End president Sylvia Wolf told Reuters. "But the thing is, with UFOs, you don't know when they're going to be there, so if you take a busload of people out there and then nothing, what do you say to the tourists? Have another drink, you might see something?"

REUTERS

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**GM plans to increase production on strength of Cash for Clunkers**

General Motors Co. said yesterday it is increasing production for the second half of 2009 after a surge in sales ignited by the U.S. government's "Cash for Clunkers" incentives program. **REUTERS**

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# Business

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## iPhone explodes in France: Report

**Apple Inc. is investigating media reports that one or more of the company's iPhones have exploded in Europe, a European Commission spokeswoman said yesterday.**

The spokeswoman for the EU executive, which oversees the safety of consumer products sold in the 27-country bloc, said Apple had described the reported incidents as isolated.

Apple said it was aware of the media reports, which include a case in which a teenager in France said he was slightly injured when his iPhone made a hissing noise and shattered, but did not comment on any contacts with the commission.

"Apple have come back to us ... and what they've said to us is that they consider these are isolated incidents. They don't consider that there's a general problem," said commission spokeswoman Helen Kearns.

**REUTERS**

## Bombardier calls off contract with Italian airline

**AVIATION** Bombardier Inc. said yesterday it has canceled its deal to supply Italian low-cost carrier MyAir.com with 15 CRJ1000 regional jets.

Bombardier said the decision was made because MyAir, which recently had its licence suspended by Italian aviation authorities as a result of financial difficulties, is facing "an uncertain situation." Four CRJ900 aircraft have been delivered to the airline, the Montreal company said.

Bombardier, the world's No. 3 civil aircraft manufacturer, said it still has 49 firm orders for the CRJ1000 NextGen jetliner.

**REUTERS**

### Business in brief

**ENERGY** Growing volumes of crude oil from Canada and the Gulf of Mexico should assure

U.S. Gulf Coast refiners adequate supplies for years to come despite fast-declining im-

ports from Mexico and Venezuela. Their supplies have dwindled by 24 per cent in the

past four years, but the refining region they serve is unlikely to run short due to billions of dol-

lars planned for new pipelines from Canada and exploration in the deepwater Gulf. **REUTERS**

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Todd Bertuzzi is rejoining the Detroit Red Wings, signing a one-year deal with the team he played for at the end of the 2006-'07 season. Bertuzzi spent last year with the Calgary Flames, putting up 44 points (15-29) in 66 regular-season games. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports

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## Traffic stopper

Lance Armstrong, left, brought Scottish traffic to a standstill yesterday after more than 200 cyclists answered his Twitter invitation for a casual bike ride. The seven-time Tour de France winner issued the invitation while in Glasgow to watch Irish rockers U2 play Hampden Park. Armstrong is expected to compete in the Tour of Ireland next week. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Venus ousted in upset

**Third seed Venus Williams' return to Canada ended in a shock 1-6, 7-5, 6-4 second-round defeat by Ukrainian qualifier Kateryna Bondarenko at the Rogers Cup in Toronto yesterday.**

In a career that has produced 41 singles titles, the Canadian event, which alternates between Toronto and Montreal, has been a graveyard for the seven-times grand slam champion.

## Last Canadian

- Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., dropped a 6-4, 6-4 decision to Russia's Alisa Kleybanova yesterday.
- Wozniak was the last Canadian in the singles tournament.

on, who has failed to win a match in three trips.

"I guess at this tourna-

ment I've never had a lot of luck but I guess you have to make your own luck these days," Williams told reporters.

"She just really started playing well and unfortunately I made too many errors."

Williams had looked ready to end her Canadian drought, racing through the first set in 28 minutes.

However, the 64th-ranked Bondarenko refused

to fold, trading breaks with the 29-year-old American in the second before finally taking control with another break at 6-5 and then holding serve to level the match.

As a frustrated Williams sprayed shots all over the court, Bondarenko began to find her mark, recording the only break of the third set to go 5-4 up before clinching the biggest upset so far in the \$2-million tournament. **REUTERS**

## Oil drop unlikely to reverse



Edward Fraser  
thehockeynews.com

It's one thing for a contending team to be pressed up against the cap ceiling, but quite another for a middling squad to be shackled by financial restraints.

Teams such as the Philadelphia Flyers, Boston Bruins, San Jose Sharks, Detroit Red Wings, Washington Capitals, Calgary Flames, Pittsburgh Penguins and Chicago Blackhawks can take a win-now-and-worry-about-the-future-later attitude because they are all rational Cup contenders. Fans will forgive serious shedding of salary in the wake of a championship high.

Clubs like the Edmonton Oilers, however, don't look good now and, thanks to roster mismanagement, don't look good for the future, either.

With little changed from a roster that finished six points outside the Western Conference playoff picture last season, I think The Hockey News prediction of an 11th-place finish in 2009-10 is a fair assessment.

Edmonton's new co-coaching committee of Pat Quinn and Tom Renney will give the young Oilers proper offensive freedom and defensive structure, which can't help but improve their chances in the ultra-competitive West, but that's where my ability to gush over the Oil ends.

This team lacks a game-breaker (perhaps if Ales Hemsky learned to shoot the puck he could develop into one) both up front and

on the back end — and has questions concerning depth, especially amongst its forward corps.

Uncertainty abounds in the crease as well. Nikolai Khabibulin had a bounce-back season in Chicago, but it was a contract year and he was less than spectacular in the playoffs when it mattered most.

Most troubling, though, is Edmonton's lack of wiggle room to do anything about their issues.

After signing Ladislav Smid to a two-year deal worth \$1.3 million per season last Wednesday, the Oilers are left with a little more than a million dollars worth of cap room.

Edmonton's problems are exacerbated by the Gibraltar Rock-esque immovability of almost everyone on the roster.

Is there a GM outside of Manhattan willing to take on Shawn Horcoff's \$5.5 million annual cap hit? Dustin Penner's \$4.25? Lubomir Visnovsky's \$5.6?

Of course, everything could go right for the Oilers — Hemsky could live up to his 100-point potential, Horcoff could become a point-a-game player, Khabibulin could be a wall in goal, the young forwards could all flourish under Quinn's tutelage, the 'D' could round into one of the league's best puck-moving units, and Magnus Paajarvi-Svensson could win the Calder.

But even if all those factors come up roses, is the City of Champions still anywhere near the West's upper tier? In salary only.

**The Hockey News**  
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## Favre returns to NFL with Vikings

**NFL** Brett Favre is coming back again, and this time it's with the Minnesota Vikings.

After weeks of speculation, Favre ended his second retirement yesterday. He boarded a plane from Hattiesburg, Miss., and landed in St. Paul, Minn., then was quickly transported to the Vikings training facility, underwent a physical and signed an undisclosed contract. Reports have the deal at two years worth a possible \$25 million should all the clauses regarding performance and health be met.

In late July Favre said he was not ready to make another comeback, but speculation had been that Favre was delaying his decision to avoid the rigours of training camp.

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## Track Chasing the world



Edmonton's Angela Whyte clears a hurdle in the women's 100-metre hurdles second heat yesterday at the world athletics championships in Berlin. Priscilla Lopes-Schliep of Scarborough, Ont., finished first overall in the heats. Whyte placed 26th.

## Sports in brief

**TENNIS** Lleyton Hewitt rallied for a 2-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4 win over No. 12 Robin Soderling yesterday at the Cincinnati Open. No. 11 Fer-

nando Verdasco also lost, and No. 10 Fernando Gonzalez quit in the first set of his match because of a sore knee.

**BASEBALL** A day after signing No. 1 draft pick Stephen Strasburg to a record contract, acting Washington Nationals GM Mike

Rizzo says it's "very unlikely" Strasburg will be called up to the majors this season.

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**No more tenure?**

An opinion piece in the Chronicle of Higher Education argues that tenure-track positions at U.S. colleges face extinction in a war of attrition. Deans faced with shrinking budgets will likely be replacing tenured faculty members with adjuncts — particularly in humanities and social science departments. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Workology

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## Home-schooling trend in U.S.?

Although Academics Group's UCAS applicant study continues to find very few PSE-bound students have been home-schooled in Canada, in the U.S. it is estimated that somewhere between three and six per cent of the school-aged population are being home-schooled. The primary driver is religion for 83 per cent of home-schooling Americans, who feel their local public schools are "unwholesome" in some way. **ACADEMICA GROUP**

# Women knocked from top: Study

Top-level employees still hireable, mobile, but more women losing their job than men

**MAT LECOMPTE**  
for Metro Canada



**You know how bad the economy is these days, so you don't want to read about it again. However, depending on your education and employment potential, these horror stories may merely be myths.**

A recent report released by Catalyst, an international organization focused on working with businesses to create inclusive workplaces, indicates that over 50 per cent of "high potential" employees were actually able to advance their careers in this recessionary period. The data found that these people remained employable, mobile and in high demand from various employers around the world.

"The report showed us that there are a number of myths surrounding the current economic crisis," said Deborah Gillis, North American vice-president of Catalyst. "Top-level employees,

**"Decisions need to be made to fix the barriers women face. Networks need to be put in place for women to acquire role models and mentors so they can advance within their organizations."**

Catalyst Vice-President Deborah Gillis

for the most part, are still hireable and mobile."

The numbers were reached by analyzing information collected from over 800 MBA alumni from 26 leading business schools spanning across continents — including Asia, Europe and North America. The responding alumni graduated between 1996 and 2007.

In fact, the research shows that only 10 per cent of respondents reported losing their jobs due to downsizing or closure.

Of that 10 per cent, however, women executives

were three-times more likely to lose their jobs than their male counterparts. While six per cent of male senior employees lost their jobs because of downsizing, a substantial 19 per cent of high-ranking women employees suffered the same fate.

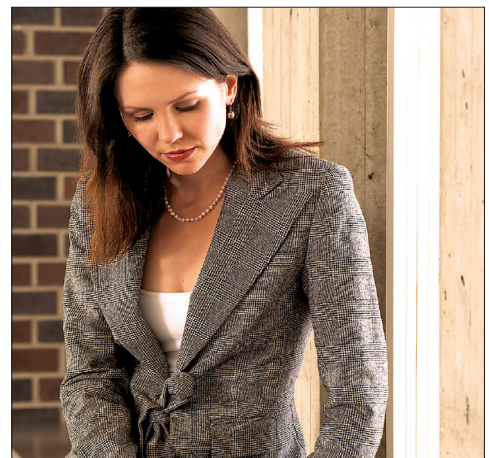
Gillis explains that because of a lack of mentors, role models, connections and networks, women are more likely than men to be laid off. This is because men, who have traditionally outnumbered women in senior positions, have estab-

lished networks to keep them on board.

"Decisions need to be made to fix the barriers women face," she said. "Networks need to be put in place for women to acquire role models and mentors so they can advance within their organizations."

Based on this, it appears that as more women acquire senior positions, these networks will be created and strengthened.

The data in the report is focused on the time period between November 2007 and June 2009.



Because men for so long outnumbered women in higher-up positions, the networks they were able to create have helped them weather the recession storm and caused them to be kept on at a higher rate than their female counterparts.

# No court case for mental distress

## WorkplaceLaw



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**M**ental suffering at work may be real — but that doesn't necessarily amount to a successful lawsuit.

Having just been denied a promotion at work, Maria Amaral was crestfallen. As an employee of the Canadian Musical Reproduction Rights Agency for 23 years, Amaral thought that she should have been promoted to manager. But her boss, Caroline Rioux, thought otherwise. Shortly after the failed promotion attempt, Amaral refused to write a letter when Rioux directed her to. She was disciplined. Dejected, she let her attendance and performance

dwindle. Rioux continued to warn Amaral, and eventually the agency relieved her of some of her duties. But Amaral's absenteeism and performance worsened. The agency placed Amaral on probation and planned for her eventual dismissal.

Two days later, Amaral suffered a serious mental breakdown, believing the agency wanted her to leave, and never returned to work. Her next contact with the agency was through her lawyer, suing the agency, its president, vice-president and her boss, Rioux, for the considerable damages flowing from her breakdown, claiming that they deliberately or negligently inflicted mental suffering on her.

Finding that the agency and its employees were not responsible for Amaral's breakdown, Justice Ruth Mesbur concluded that no one could have foreseen Amaral's reaction. More importantly, however, the court confirmed that the threshold to find employers

liable for psychiatric damage suffered by employees is significant: The employer's conduct must be extreme, flagrant or outrageous and calculated to deliberately impose harm. Recently, the Ontario Court of Appeal agreed — dismissing Amaral's appeal.

Following several high-profile Canadian judgments for harassment and mental suffering, employees' lawyers have been adding zeros to their precedents, claiming perceived mistreatment equates to a significant lawsuit. But workplace law doesn't provide compensation for any stress suffered by employees at the hands of their employer — the conduct complained of must be objectively intolerable in the eyes of the judge, not just the plaintiff.

Employees should follow these lessons:

- Management may be demanding, unsympathetic or even insensitive, but that

alone does not afford employees the right to launch a considerable lawsuit or render the company liable for inflicting mental distress. Even had Amaral's allegations been proven, they were not sufficiently offensive to merit the damage award she sought.

• There is not a legal remedy for every case of workplace distress. The unfortunate counsel I sometimes provide is to seek another job rather than remain profoundly unhappy with the current conditions.

• Consider a negotiated resolution to a claim instead of steadfastly marching to the courtroom doors. Had Amaral heeded this advice, she would have been cashing settlement cheques now rather than having to pay considerable legal costs to her former employer.

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Alexandra Mastronardi, production co-ordinator for HGTV's Top 10, is responsible for making sure things run smoothly from before

filming begins to the time the champagne is popped at the wrap party. Which, as it seems, is apparently impossible.

"No matter how organized you think you are, you're never organized enough!" she says, "Classic words from a co-ordinator."

Her job entails that everything is carefully planned and prepared by the time filming starts. That means creating call sheets so the cast knows where and when to be on location, booking the gear and flights, securing the required permits and making sure all the right crew members are set up and ready to go.

On top of all that, she's got to handle any problems

**"Last weekend my cameraman calls me from B.C. saying they've just picked up their rental vehicle and the jib arm doesn't fit in the van, and there are no larger vans available in the area."**

Alexandra Mastronardi

or crises that arise, which, she assures us, are in no short supply.

Mastronardi, who works from a downtown Toronto office, recounts the most recent example of a problem that needed some serious fixing. "The show I'm working on right now has multiple cameramen shooting in multiple cities, so as you can imagine, it's a logistical nightmare!" she says. "Last weekend my cameraman calls me from B.C. saying they've just picked up their



Production coordinators require mass amounts of organization.

rental vehicle and the jib arm doesn't fit in the van, and there are no larger vans available in the area."

Living by the creed, "the show must go on" — which she calls one of the truest phrases in the business — Mastronardi hit the phones and called various rental companies to inquire about larger vans. Then, out of thin air, the original company was able to produce the van they wanted.

"There's always a fix," she says. "It's never easy, but where there's a will there's a way. I think

that's an important attitude for a coordinator to have"

Like many jobs in entertainment, a production coordinator is usually employed strictly on a contract basis. Because of this, Mastronardi is constantly on the hunt for new contacts that can lead to jobs. She says her contracts are usually for three or four months, but has worked an eight month contract, as well as one that was for a single day. It's essential to take advantage of that time, she says, be-

cause the more people you meet, the more jobs you get.

"Never burn bridges and keep in mind the two degrees of TV land — everyone knows everyone through someone."

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## Panning the office paper piles

Going electronic is possible and saves money

**JON TATTIE**  
for Metro Canada

With predictions of the paperless office well into their fourth decade, it may seem a mirage of eco-friendliness that will forever stay on the horizon. But a Canadian university department that went paper-free last year is saving money, time and space, not to mention the environment.

Cyprien Lomas of the University of British Columbia's faculty of land and food systems says the small department in a big university is blazing a trail others should follow.

The IT expert says it worked because the ecologically aware faculty was "driven by values. Plus, it seemed like a good idea."

"Every time paper was used, they asked the tough question: Do we really need to use this piece of paper?" he says. The

**"Every time paper was used, they asked the tough question: Do we really need to use this piece of paper?"**

Cyprien Lomas of the University of British Columbia's faculty of land and food systems on their office's journey away from paper

ethos of the office changed to the point where using paper was almost embarrassing.

Staff used to work on a computer screen and then print off a version of the record for students to see. Now, they have two screens — one facing the student — and work together in real time.

Note-taking went paper-free, too. "Instead of writing on a piece of paper, (staff) use a screen technique and writing on a piece of transparency, which she can then wash afterwards and reuse," Lomas says. The

venture made the expected savings in paper, cutting the expense of running a printer and fax machine, but also had unexpected benefits.

"One (staff member) spent a lot of time filing paper-work. By getting away from that system, she was able to phase that out, free up a bunch of her time and work on higher-value things," he says.

It's created work, too: other parts of the university and wider community now regularly call up the faculty to see how they, too, can go

paper-free.

Sarene Gilbertson at Organize-Life-Inside-Out.com says if paper-less seems impossible, try less paper. The keys to paper-free life are technology. She uses a scanner to import paper documents sent to her and then shreds the originals. Most of her billing is done electronically.

She also ditched her printer, using a print shop on the rare occasions she needs a hard copy, and tossed the fax machine. She uses digital faxing via MyFax.com, which allows her to send and receive faxes through her e-mail.

"I can function almost anywhere in the world with an 'almost' paperless office because I've simplified my files and how I use the internet," Gilbertson says.

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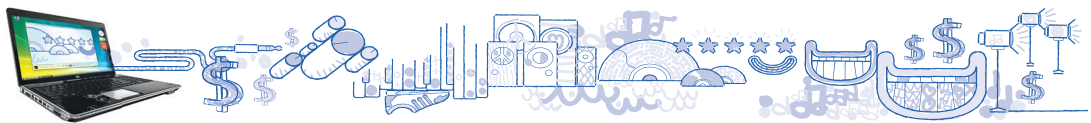
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# Metro Drive

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## The sounds of silence

2010 Chevrolet Equinox a quiet revolution for SUVs

JIL MCINTOSH  
for Metro Canada

When a company debuts a new model, it sometimes brings along competitors' models for journalists to drive back-to-back. No one brings one that outshines the new model, so when GM introduced the all-new 2010 Chevrolet Equinox and rolled out a Toyota RAV4 and Honda CR-V for comparison, everyone took notice.

The verdict: This new Equinox gives GM the ability to stand solidly head-to-head in the crowded compact SUV market against its domestic and imported opponents.

Also trimmed and badged as the GMC Terrain, the Equinox is built in Ingersoll, Ont.

The previous Equinox came only with a choice of two V6 engines, but for 2010, there are two new powerplants: a 2.4-litre four-cylinder or 3.0-litre V6, both with direct injection and mated to six-speed automatic transmissions.

Both can be ordered in front-wheel-drive or with an all-wheel system that primarily runs the front wheels, but sends power to the rear if necessary. At a combined rating of 7.8 L/100 km, GM says the four-cylinder is class-leading for fuel economy.

The four-cylinder starts at \$25,995 and runs to \$33,460. The V6 is an extra \$1,725 and only comes with 18-inch wheels priced at \$325, so it's an extra \$2,050 on each model.

Those who need the V6's stronger towing capacity (1,500 lbs for the four; 3,500 lbs for the six) will probably step up, but for almost all other driving conditions, the 182-horsepower four-cylinder works well

The Ingersoll, Ont.-built 2010 Chevy Equinox is available in both four cylinder and V6 engines.



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enough that the bigger engine's 264 horses are overkill.

GM has also wisely made the four-cylinder available in all trim lines, so you don't need to order the V6 if you want the top-line LTZ's toys.

Most impressive is how quiet it is.

It's been sound-deadened and sealed to within an inch of its life, but since smaller engines are inherently louder, the four-cylinder model adds an extra trick: Two cabin-mounted sensors that monitor interior sound and then, when necessary,

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send a wave from the subwoofer to offset any noise.

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gine at a lower rpm for improved fuel economy.

I got into a Buick Enclave test vehicle a few days later that didn't seem any more silent than the Equinox.

Handling is responsive and nicely weighted, and it feels more like driving a car than an SUV, with no torque steer, minimal body sway.

The interior is also much improved over the old Equinox: There's a lot of hard plastic, but it's well-fitted and handsomely designed, and I don't remember any Chevrolet with seats this comfortable.



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## Battle to go eco-friendly

EMMA E FORREST  
Metro World News

Car manufacturers are all in the race to go eco these days, and now even the world's armies are getting in on the act.

Making military transport greener is a no-brainer — as a nation's economies suffer, their equipment needs to be more efficient and cheaper to run, despite the need for increasingly heavy armour to protect soldiers from new threats.

Recently, TARDEC showed off a collection of eco-friendly military vehicles to California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, including a diesel-electric hybrid that gives the car up to six miles of silent mobility.

The U.S. Army isn't the only one to go eco, though, other forward-thinking armed forces are thinking ahead, teaming up with civilian companies to develop more ecologically — and economically — sound ways of transporting their troops.

The British Army is funding projects that fit with its future visions, including reducing operational dependency on fossil fuels.

Out are the diesel-guzzling tank and jet fighter, in are vehicles with a hybrid drivetrain, and even solar-powered ones.

Green scene

**Avalon XLS on sale**

The 2010 Toyota Avalon XLS went on sale across Canada last week. The company's flagship sedan starting at \$39,285. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# What are teens doing behind wheel?

Survey finds out if moms are snooping on kids

**For teenagers, getting their driver's license is one of life's most exciting moments.**

For a parent, it's one of the most distressing.

New technologies promise to alleviate parents' worries by keeping tabs on their teen drivers, but the use of these tools raises an ethical question: Do they cross the line between good parenting and invasion of privacy? MotherProof.com surveyed moms of U.S. teens to gauge how much snooping they're willing to do.

MotherProof.com's survey found that two-thirds of moms don't use technology to snoop on their teen

drivers: 64 per cent of moms said they would not put a camera or GPS tracking device in their child's vehicle.

However, 53 per cent of moms admitted to investigating the contents of their teen's car, and 36 per cent said they regularly check the miles on their teen's car to see how

much they're driving.

While most moms are very trusting, the survey indicates that younger moms are more likely to second-guess their teen's driving habits. Some interesting results among this group include:

- 59 per cent of moms ages 25-34 either would consider putting a camera or GPS system in their teen's car or

have

already done so, versus 43 per cent of moms ages 35-44 and 27 per cent of moms ages 45-54.

- 57 per cent of moms 25-34 have followed their child in traffic to



see where they're going and investigate their driving habits, versus 29 per cent of moms 35-44 and 18 per cent of moms 45-54.

- 70 per cent of moms 25-34 have investigated the contents of their teen's car, versus 52 per cent of moms 35-44 and 50 per cent of moms 45-54.

- 65 per cent of moms 25-34 regularly check the miles



Parents' worries begin once they hand over the car keys to a newly licensed teen driver.

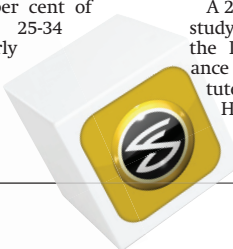
on their teen's car to see how much they're driving, versus 39 per cent of moms 35-44 and 27 per cent of moms 45-54.

Research suggests that monitoring devices reduce risky teen driving.

A 2009 study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety,

In-Vehicle Monitoring and the Driving Behavior of Teenagers, followed 85 recently licensed teenagers with monitoring devices in their vehicles.

IIHS found that monitoring devices reduced risky driving among teens, especially when it came to seat belt use. With the rate of fatal crashes four times as high for drivers ages 16-19 as it is for older drivers, any reduced risk these monitoring devices bring could make them very appealing to parents. **FROM CARGUIDE**



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## An electric future?

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If I ask, "What infrastructure might we need, to make it possible for a bunch of us to replace our gasoline-powered vehicles with pure electric vehicles?" And you answer, "A bunch of really, really, long extension cords." Well, that would make me think you're not taking this infrastructure thing seriously enough my friend.

OK, maybe you got more pressing concerns to worry about — like how to program your PVR so you don't miss any more episodes of Cubical Makeover.

Thankfully, there are a bunch of concerned citizens, consultants, governments, and eager business enterprises who have all been busy of late, envisioning that electric-car future. Let's take a quick look at what's they're picturing, and worrying about ...

- Charge stations with high-voltage power (400-600 volts), so "fill ups" can be done in minutes.
- Charge stations that will also allow payments by credit cards, and figure out how much to charge, based on the real time cost of electricity.
- The first wave of charge stations will be in city cores, and near bus, train, and subway stations. Charge stations on the



A charging bay at London's Berkeley Square.

prairies? Maybe later.

- Another or supplemental option is places where drained battery packs can be quickly exchanged for fully-charged packs. But for that to work we will need standardized battery packs.
- More electricity will be needed and it will have to be clean (wind, solar, wave, etc). Putting coal-generated electricity into vehicles will not make the carbon footprint go down a size.

You can see we've got a way to go yet. That's why some feel hybrids, will be very popular and necessary until we transition to an electrical future. They don't need that expensive infrastructure we talked about.

But surprisingly, governments here and around the world seem willing to invest in electrical infrastructure. California and Israel are well on their way, and there are big projects planned for Arizona and Oregon.

I think this is because

they see it as more of their purvey, like garbage collection and the water supply. To them, hydrogen is just another fuel; so let the fuel companies worry about that.

Ontario recently initiated some incentives so that one out of every 20 vehicles driven in the province might be electrically-powered by 2020.

As usual, the automakers are not totally on board. They're leery about putting all their expensive R&D eggs in one basket, lest some other technology comes along and blows them out of the water.

For instance, someone might finally figure out how to capture all that methane produced by cattle flatulence. If that happens and all you're building is electrical motors, well, that would be a bummer.

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## Dazed And Confused

## Most Drivers Lost When Looking For The Lowest Car Insurance Rates



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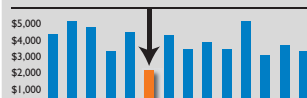
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**AUTO SHOW** A superlight show car capturing the pure essence of the world's most popular roadster, the Mazda MX-5, will see its world premiere at the 63rd Frankfurt Motor Show, which will be held from 15 through 27 September 2009. Mazda will present a new take on its affordable roadster in an all-new show car, the Mazda MX-5 Superlight version, designed at Mazda's studio in Oberursel, Germany. The car will improve driving performance, handling, fuel economy and CO2 emissions.

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**High Street Fashion Week**

From Sept. 7-11 London's Oxford Street will host the U.K.'s first High Street Fashion Week, which will include promotional shopping days; fashion and beauty workshops; and late night shopping-and-champagne receptions. See [oxfordstreet.co.uk](http://oxfordstreet.co.uk) for more details. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Travel



## Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre

When Waterford Wedgwood PLC filed for bankruptcy protection at the start of this year, among the casualties was one of Ireland's top tourist attractions, namely watching the glassblowers at the Waterford factory. But while there are no factory tours this season, visitors can find a revamped experience at the Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre — including a demonstration of cutting and engraving. For full details visit [waterfordvisitorcentre.com](http://waterfordvisitorcentre.com).

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# At last, Cubans sample tourism luxury

**Floating, cocktail drink in hand, in the pool of a five-star hotel in Cuba, Alexis basks in a holiday experience that for years was out of reach for him in his own homeland.**

The pastel-colored hotel buildings, the well-ordered gardens, the turquoise waters and the perpetually smiling waiters — all just 140 kilometres east of his home in Havana. So near, and yet for many years, so far away.

Until last year, Cuba's communist government prevented its citizens from entering hotels reserved for hard currency-paying foreign tourists. It argued that tourism was a strategic revenue sector and that widening access would create inequalities in a socialist society, where most earn inconceivable Cuban pesos.

The tourist hotels, whose services, shops and restaurants are a world away from the hardships and shortages experienced by most Cubans, remained largely out of bounds for ordinary citizens. This prohibition angered most



A view of a resort on Cuba's Cayo Santa Maria.

**"Before a foreigner would ask us about Varadero and we did not know what to say. Now, if you have the money, you can do it."** Roberto Garcia

Cubans, who considered it made them second-class citizens in their own homeland.

But when President Raul Castro took over from his ailing older brother Fidel

Castro last year, one of his first acts was to end the ban and open all facilities to Cubans. The change was widely popular even though most islanders still can not afford to stay at the

tourist hotels.

"Let me tell you, this is great," said Alexis, an employee of a state-run Havana hard currency store who declined to give his full name, as his girlfriend returned from the bar with more mojitos.

In the years immediately following the 1959 revolution, Cuban workers were allowed into the island's top resorts, yet the need to earn much-needed hard currency led to the development again of a more exclusive foreign tourism sector, especially over the last 15 years.

But the global financial crisis has taken a big bite out of Cuba's international tourism, so the Cuban travel industry, seeking to boost occupation in half-empty hotels, has begun offering reduced-price package deals to Cubans.

At \$70 a night for an all-inclusive hotel in Varadero, Cuba's top beach resort, prices are well below what foreigners pay, but still out of reach for most Cubans struggling to make ends meet on state salaries that

average less than \$20 a month.

The new Cuban internal tourists are professionals, technicians working for foreign joint ventures and people receiving dollar remittances from relatives living abroad.

"Before a foreigner would ask us about Varadero and we did not know what to say," recalls Roberto Garcia, a 43-year-old engineer who arrived from Havana with his family of six. "Now, if you have the money, you can do it."

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Flights to Easter Island have resumed after Chile agreed to hold talks with residents who stormed the airport to protest an influx of tourists and immigrants to the remote Pacific island. Easter Island is known for its huge statues of heads and torsos called "moai." **REUTERS**

## Mistake costs hotel 90,000 euros

**SPECIAL OFFER** Hundreds of holidaymakers struck lucky when they chanced upon a special offer — a mistake in a hotel booking system that offered a four-star weekend in Venice for 1 cent.

The offer was a tiny fraction of the Crowne Plaza Quarto D'Altino's normal rate of up to 150 euros (\$234 Canadian) a night. Some 1,400 nights had been booked before the error was discovered, costing the hotel an estimated 90,000 euros. **REUTERS**

## Gourmet preps travel TV show

**TRAVEL TUBE** There's certainly no shortage of TV shows blending food and travel, but Gourmet magazine is betting there's room for one more.

On Oct. 17, the Conde Nast publication will debut its new public television show, Gourmet's Adventures With Ruth, in which the magazine's editor, Ruth Reichl, spans the globe visiting cooking schools with celebrities, among them actresses Frances McDormand and Lorraine Bracco.

Adventures With Ruth is the successor to Gourmet's Diary of a Foodie, the PBS show that explores international cultures through a culinary lens. Both are produced by WGBH in Boston.

The idea to do a show that revolves around travel sprang from a 2008 issue of Gourmet that was devoted to cooking vacations, said Nancy Berger Cardone, the magazine's vice president and publisher.

The deal is expected to give a much-needed boost to the epicurean magazine. Ad pages are off 44.5 percent this year through August, per the Mediaweek Monitor. "We got hit by what happened in luxury," Cardone said.

Nevertheless, she said she sees ad categories like automobiles, financial and travel picking up in the fourth quarter. "I do think there's some pent-up demand. There's a lot of great ideation about food and travel." **REUTERS**



Herman Billington, left, sits with his son Cameryn, 10, in their stripped-down room at the Rancho Bernardo Inn, a luxury golf resort in San Diego, Calif.

## Resort offers \$19 US 'survivor' package

**For their one-and-only family getaway this year, the Billingtons checked in to an upscale San Diego resort on Sunday with many of the usual vacation accessories — bathing suits, board games and golf clubs.**

But they also brought flashlights, sleeping bags and an inflatable mattress because the pool-side room they booked for just \$19 US comes with a tent where the beds normally would be. They even had to pack their own toilet paper.

While many of Southern California's luxury hotels are battling a severe slump in business by offering extra services and more amenities, the Rancho Bernardo Inn is luring guests with the exact opposite — no frills and barely any basics.

Called the survivor package, the hotel's deeply discounted promotion lets patrons trim its standard \$219-per-night rate on a sliding scale of deprivation, lowering charges with each amenity

stripped from the room.

The most basic version: a room for \$19 with no bed, toilet paper, towels, air-conditioning or "honour bar," and only a single light bulb in the bathroom for safety. The next level up adds in a bed — sans sheets — for \$39 a night. For a bed plus toiletries and toilet paper, the rate is \$59.

Maureen Carew, assistant general manager of the four-star inn, called the promotion "clever marketing in a downtime."

Herman Billington, 39, a personal trainer who owns his own business, says it's the only vacation he, his wife and their two sons, aged 9 and 10, plan to take this year as they concentrate on "keeping it lean."

"The boys get to feel like they're camping, and I get to go to the spa," said their mother, Erica Billington, 37.

Rancho Bernardo's promotion drew more than 420 reservations, including 240 bookings at the \$19 rate and 116 at the \$39 rate, Carew said. **REUTERS**

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**Pitt to voice superhero**

Brad Pitt will be providing the voice for an animated feature in which he'll play a "superhero who wants out." Pitt says that movie will costar the voices of Tina Fey and Robert Downey Jr., and trade reports identify the project as Oobermind. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Entertainment

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**Dion pregnant**

Celine Dion is pregnant with her second child, according to the *Journal de Montreal*. Dion, 41, and husband, Rene Angelil, 67, have been working with fertility doctors in New York. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



## Roth taps rage, anger

Plays murderous soldier in Tarantino's *Inglourious Basterds*

CHRIS ALEXANDER  
for Metro Canada

As a terrified Nazi PoW kneels on the ground at gunpoint in front of a black, cavernous tunnel, a steady, rhythmic clanging sound of metal hitting brick begins filling the air. Suddenly a figure explodes outwards, a muscled brute wielding an aluminum baseball bat, swinging wildly for anything wearing a swastika.

The SS know him as "The Bear Jew." But we know him better as Eli Roth.

Roth is the outspoken writer/director behind such modern grindhouse hits as *Cabin Fever*, *Hostel* and its even bloodier sequel. But

it's here, in Quentin Tarantino's latest film *Inglourious Basterds*, where Roth gets to flex his acting chops. He plays Sgt. Donny Donowitz — a.k.a. The Bear Jew — an angry, brain-bashing member of the titular band of merry Jewish-American Nazi hunters.

"When Quentin asked me to do this, I knew I had to make The Bear believable," says Roth of his first prominent acting gig (though he did have a credited role in Tarantino's 2007 effort *Death Proof*). "I put on 40 pounds of muscle. I wanted you to look at this guy and see all this murderous rage and pain and anger."

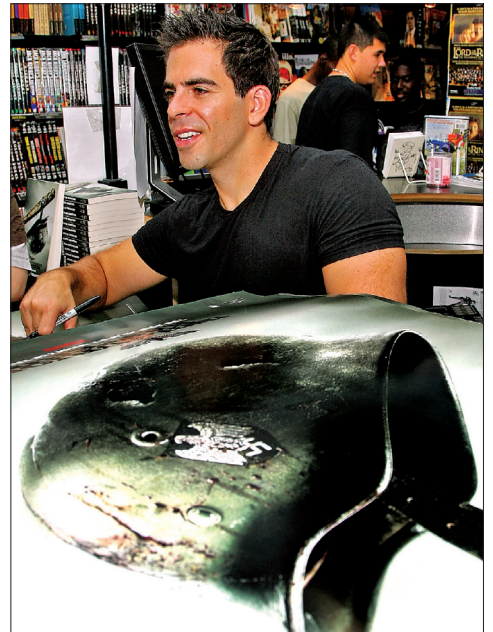
*Inglourious Basterds* is a pulp fantasy, following the exploits of various characters and their attempts to murder as many followers of the Third Reich as possible, including the Fuehrer himself. It madly shifts gears between muted character drama, cartoonish, gory action blowout and stylized spaghetti western and audiences who pre-screened the rough cut of the film at Cannes were either left mystified or completely enraptured.

But as Roth explains, the polarized reaction is typical of Tarantino's work.

"Pulp Fiction took general audiences three viewings to get it," he says. "At first they said it was morally reprehensible. The second time, it had its moments. The third time they claimed it a masterpiece."

"With *Kill Bill Part One*, some mourned the lack of great dialogue and said there was too much action. With *Kill Bill 2* the same people said there was too much dialogue and not enough action. But with *Basterds*, I really think Quentin has made a landmark film."

"There are at least three scenes in it that students will be reading in acting class and really, you can't sell it in a 30 second TV spot. It's an experience."



Writer and director Eli Roth plays a character called "The Bear Jew" in Quentin Tarantino's new film *Inglourious Basterds*.

## Avatar site crashes as fans seek tickets

**MOVIES** The official Avatar website crashed for several hours on Monday as moviegoers rushed to secure free seats to see the 16 minutes of 3-D preview footage that will be shown at 104 Imax theatres on Friday.

Ticket ordering was scheduled to begin online at noon PDT, but at about 11:55 a.m. the site started experiencing difficulties. About 17,000 of the 68,000 available tickets were distributed before the heavy traffic forced the site down for several hours.

"Due to the overwhelming response for tickets to the Avatar event on 8/21, our servers have crashed. We will update you as soon as possible," ticket seekers were advised by Avatar's Twitter site.

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11	OMNI	-	-	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition		Omni News: Cantonese Edition	The Simpsons	King	Metropia	
13	KXLY	-	371	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	The Insider (N)		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Wipeout (HDTV)	PrimeTime		
16	KAYU	-	373	The Simpsons	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Octomom: The Incredible Unseen Footage (N)		News		
19	CHTV	-	-	The Insider (N)	El News	Psych (N)		D. Richards	Kendra	Women on Top	CHCA News	
22	KSPS	-	374	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Making Sense of Place		Time Team Special Edition (HDTV) (N)		Wide Angle (N)		
24	WTVS	-	364	(6) The Big Band Years		Loretta LaRoché: Juicy Living, Juicy Aging		Motown -- The Definitive Performances (My Music)				
15	CBCL	502	-	CBC News: The National		Struck by Lightning		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National	Lightning	
21	TWN	505	398	(5) EarthWatch One		EarthWatch One		EarthWatch Two				
27	CNN	500	500	Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		News	CTV News	News	Cooper 360	
44	CTVN	501	391	CTV News Tonight		Market Call		Headline	Market Call	Commodities	Business News	Taking Stock
70	BNN	504	508	Taking Stock		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		Off the Record		ATP Tennis: W&S Financial Group Masters		
23	TSN	400	418	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Con. Sportsnet Con.		Billiards U.S. Open Nine Ball		Sportsnet Connected	UFC Ult. 100	
47	SPEED	417	406	NASCAR Racing Camping World Truck Series - O'Reilly 200		Score Tonight		Pimp My Ride	Pass Time	Amer. Thunder	Pinks Outtakes	
94	SCORE	410	403	(5) RaceNight		Law & Order: SVU		Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score
9	EDACC	267	351	Alberta Primetime (Live)		In Real Life		America's Got Talent (N)		America's Got Talent	PrimeTime	
14	YTV	552	543	iCarly	iCarly	Comfy Couch	Big & Small	Malcolm-Mid	Futurama	Survive This	Adrenaline Proj	Falcon Beach
17	TREE	553	546	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Jimmy Two	Total Drama	Max & Ruby	Babar	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-Lan	Go, Diego, Go!
42	TOON	555	545	Ben 10	Johnny Test	Wizards-Place	Han, Montana	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	American Dad	Robot Chicken
45	FAM	557	541	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Les Gags	Histoires-filles	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School
-	TVA	121	174	TVA 18 heures	Sucr-salé	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Corb Lund Live at the Revival	Home Improve.	Home Improve.		Reba
18	CMT	575	583	Reba		Cris Angel Mindfreak		Cris Angel	Cris Angel	Dog the Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter
25	A&E	615	520	Dog the Bounty Hunter		Entourage	Gene Simmons	The Daily Fix		Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Entourage
26	MMM	571	581	mmtop10.ca		The Next Food Network Star		Opening Soon	Opening Soon	Unwrapped		Driver, Drive-In
29	FOOD	603	561	Iron Chef America		The Outer Limits		The Guard "Wake"		The Party Never Stops (2007, Drama)		
31	SHOW	617	522	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Mayday		Daily Planet		Mayday		Mighty Ships
32	DISC	520	505	After the Catch		End of Leash	End of Leash	ET Canada	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives OC		Trading Sp
33	SLICE	601	562	End of Leash	End of Leash	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Grocery Bag	Grocery Bag	Love It or List It		Killer Hair
34	W	602	567	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Toddlers & Tiaras (N)		Lottery Changed My Life		Truth Be Told (HDTV)		Toddler-Tara
35	TLC	521	560	Truth Be Told (HDTV) (N)		Cooperman Howard Engel		Law & Order (Part 1 of 2)		Without a Trace		Not One Less
36	BRAVO	620	523	Wingfield		Disorderly Conduct: Video	Disorderly Conduct: Video	I Bet You Will		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.		Disorderly
38	SPIKE	628	584	Ult. Iceman	Disorderly Conduct: Video	NCIS "Leap of Faith"		Turning Points of History		Ice Road Truckers		Sandhogs
40	HIST	522	506	Ice Road Truckers		Air Force	22 Minutes	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Jon Dore Show
41	COM	626	547	Laughs	Comedy Now	Stormworld (N)	Stormworld (N)	Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Trek: Voyager
43	SPACE	627	528	Primeval		Seinfeld		Trading Places ** (1983, Comedy)		Dan Aykroyd, Eddie Murphy.		
44	WPCH	294	650	(6) Trading Places (1983, Comedy)		Ghost Hunters		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Ghost Hunters
46	OLN	411	457	Survivorman		The Crow: Stairway to Heaven		What Happen?		Deal or No Deal Canada		Raymond
48	TROP	619	525	Office Temps		Tonight Show-Conan O'Brien		etalk		Canada's Next Top Model		Ellen Show
50	STAR	621	527	Canada's Next Top Model		House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes-Homes		Hidden Potential	Property Virgin	Big City Broker
52	HGTV	600	564	Property Virgin	Hidden Potential	Raymond	Raymond	George Lopez		The Sopranos (SS)		Paid Program
65	TLN	700	800	(6) Madame		Waban-aki: Sun Rises		Tears	Vitality Garden	Miywayawin	Find. Our Talk	Wings-Canada
92	APTN	269	390	Canadian Geographic		Recreat. Eden	Prepup	Poltergeist: The Legacy		Doc Hollywood (1991, Romance-Comedy)		Real World
93	VISION	261	394	Doc Martin		The Real World (N)		MTV Live		After		One Tree Hill
100	MTV	581	566	The Real World		Video on Trial	Degrassi: TNG	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Making His Band		
101	MM	570	580	Making His Band		Revue		Question Period		Prime-Politics	PrimeTime Politics	
102	CPAC	512	596	(6:30) PrimeTime Politics		Mediums	Psychic Detect	Mediums	Encounters	Judging Amy		Medium
103	VIVA	526	507	The Closer		RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal (SC)		24 Heures en 60 minutes		Le Téléjournal
106	RDI	126	730	Le Téléjournal (SC)		Crash "The Doctor Is In"		Whitest Kids		The Air I Breathe * (2007, Drama)		Captivity
161	SUPER			City Homicide (HDTV)								

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### Capturing Cooperman: A Not So Private Investigation of Howard Engel

You can't keep a good mind down. The creator of fictional crime drama character Benny Cooperman, Engel captured the public's imagination for over two decades. In 2001, he had a stroke that left him unable to read. Determined to keep Cooperman alive, Engel began the process of learning to read and write all over again. This documentary tells his story. 8 PM on BRAVO



### Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

Fans of this series have given Benson (Mariska Hargitay) her share of good-natured ribbing for taking her work too personally on occasion. But this time it's personal for Stabler (Christopher Meloni), who discovers his own daughter (Allison Siko) has fallen in with a bad crowd. Ellen Burstyn guest stars as Stabler's estranged mother, whom he calls upon to help him save his daughter, in "Swing." 8 PM on EDACCESS





Jessica Simpson isn't trying to fill Paula Abdul's vacant judge's seat on American Idol. The New York Post reported Monday that the singer's father Joe is pushing producers to cast Simpson. But Simpson's rep said, "There is absolutely no truth to this." **USMAGAZINE.COM**

**Jessica's fill-in Idol gig a fib**

## Celebrity Buzz

### Jesus love of Madonna's life

**GOOD MATCH** Madonna says Jesus Luz is "the love of her life," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer praised the 22-year-old Brazilian model in a speech at her 51st birthday party in Portofino, Italy, on Sunday before running across the room to

passionately kiss him.

As friends looked on, Madonna gushed: "He's the love of my life. He has been so strong around me. I can't thank him enough."

The next morning, the couple looked blissfully happy as they boarded a luxury

yacht with Madonna's children — Lourdes, 12, Rocco, 8, Mercy, 4, and David, 3.

As the children relaxed on the deck, the pop superstar and her lover frolicked in the ocean.

An onlooker said: "She and Jesus looked madly in love and it was great to see her looking so happy. They just looked like any normal family enjoying a holiday together."

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### Grey's star nude tape leaked online

**ON THE DEFENCE** A video showing Grey's Anatomy star Eric Dane, his wife, Rebecca Gayheart, and another woman in apparently compromising positions is ancient history and had better not be used for commercial purposes, warns an attorney for the married couple, people.com reports.

In a statement released Monday, the actor's lawyer, Marty Singer, said the tape "is simply a private, consensual moment

involving a married couple, shot several years ago, which was never intended to be seen by the public."

The statement continued: "Although the participants are nude, the tape is not a 'sex tape.' It is a private tape made for only my clients' personal use, and nobody

has the right to exploit it. If anyone exploits the tape, they will be violating my clients' rights and will be exposed to significant liability."

The third woman in the video reportedly is Kari Ann Peniche, who in 2002 was crowned Miss Teen USA but was later stripped of the title after posing for Playboy.

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### Kristen: Me, a style icon?

**FASHIONISTA** Kristen Stewart says she isn't important enough to get free designer clothes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Twilight actress wishes she could keep the gowns she wears to red-carpet events.

She said: "The really cool stuff — I never get to keep any of that ... I'm just not

important enough yet, I think."

Stewart — who has worn creations by Yigal Azrouel, Hervé Léger and Camilla and Marc — admits she finds it "bizarre" that her fans copy her outfits. "Those (clothes) are mine, which is bizarre to have people go out and buy."

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### Pete debuts baby Bronx online

**OVERPROTECTIVE?** Pete Wentz has backtracked on his promise to keep his young son out of the spotlight — posting a photo of baby Bronx online after previously vowing not to show off the tot, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The musician and his wife, Ashlee Simpson-Wentz, refused to sell pictures of Bronx Mowgli after he was born in November, despite being offered

"mounds and mounds of money by mags to pimp out the baby," according to Wentz.

The rocker even banned personal photos of Bronx from his blog — but now he has published a snap.

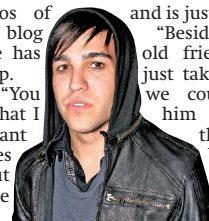
He writes, "You know I wrote that I didn't really want to post pictures of Bronx out there. I feel like

it would be damaging to our family.

"There is other stuff out there on the web about him that isn't damaging and is just normal."

"Besides we had an old friend come and just take some pics so we could remember him when he was this lil. He's blonde now."

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### Tori declares end to family feud?

**BURY THE HATCHET** The feud between 90210 star Tori Spelling and her mother has been waged for months in the press, but Tori is ready to bury the hatchet once and for all.

The daughter of Aaron and Candy Spelling recently told OK! Magazine: "I definitely want to reconcile with my mother, but that's the wrong word. There's nothing that really happened that made us fight. It's just time, distance and media that have come between my mom and me."

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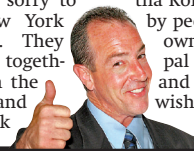


### Dad apologizes to Lindsay?

**EATING HIS WORDS** Lindsay Lohan's dad Michael Lohan has said sorry to her, the New York Post reports. They were spotted together recently in the Hamptons, and he took back

his harsh words for her on-and-off girlfriend, Samantha Ronson. "I was misled by people who had their own agenda," he told a pal later. "I was wrong and I'm very sorry. I wish the best for them."

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### Dancing host wants Paula's dressing room

**QUICK, WHILE IT'S WARM** Now that Paula Abdul has left American Idol, Dancing With the Stars host Samantha Harris wants her dressing room. (American Idol is filmed at the same studio as Dancing.)

"In past seasons when Dancing wasn't going on at the same time as Idol, I would have Paula's dressing room, and it's fabulous," Harris told a Phoenix radio station. "It's a really cute, big pink dressing room. I should start putting my name in for it now..."

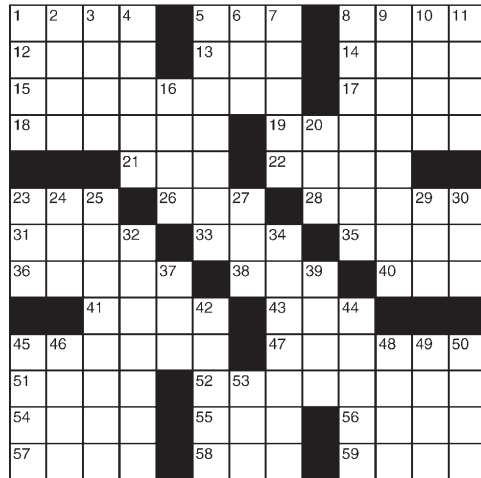
Maybe I'll get the dressing room finally."

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**Michele McDougall, Weather Specialist & Host - Breakfast Television**  
 "My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes!" **WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.**



**ACROSS**

- 1 Spacecraft compartments
- 5 Scatter seed
- 8 Couple, to TMZ
- 12 Neighbourhood
- 13 — Beta Kappa
- 14 Small plateau
- 15 Dosage measurer
- 17 Low
- 18 Chief island of Japan
- 19 Attic space
- 21 "Of course"
- 22 Tater
- 23 Chapeau
- 26 Bankroll
- 28 Arousing goose bumps
- 31 Notion
- 33 Rawls or Reed
- 35 Do a pre-laundry task
- 36 Song of praise
- 38 Conclusion
- 40 Cause of royal insomnia?
- 41 Dressed
- 43 Glutton
- 45 Stick

- 47 Whiteboard accessory
- 51 Jail, at sea
- 52 Tinker, Evers or Chance
- 54 Highway division
- 55 Blunder
- 56 Hostels
- 57 Quiche needs
- 58 Scarlet
- 59 Spruced up

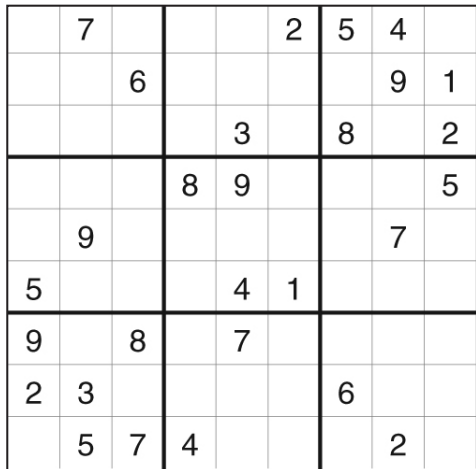
**DOWN**

- 1 Maze option
- 2 Sandwich cookie
- 3 Campus VIP
- 4 Impudent
- 5 Re a husband or wife
- 6 Discoverer's call
- 7 Flight needs
- 8 Stains
- 9 Earring shape, often
- 10 Being (Lat.)
- 11 Sail holder
- 16 "That's a relief!"
- 20 Mimic
- 23 With it
- 24 Classifieds
- 25 Education
- 27 Buck's mate
- 29 Anger
- 30 Greek vowel
- 32 Claims
- 34 Not loud enough
- 37 Ruin the veneer
- 39 Coed quarters, maybe
- 42 Dissuade
- 44 Street urchin
- 45 Competent
- 46 Haul
- 48 Logical
- 49 Sicilian
- 50 Whatever remains
- 53 Prior to

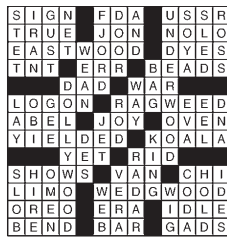
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**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**



2	8	9	1	5	6	3	4	7
3	5	7	2	4	8	9	6	1
6	4	1	3	7	9	2	8	5
8	7	4	6	2	5	1	9	3
5	9	3	8	1	7	4	2	6
1	6	2	4	9	3	7	5	8
4	2	5	7	8	1	6	3	9
7	3	8	9	6	2	5	1	4
9	1	6	5	3	4	8	7	2

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**Metro Recipe of the Day**



**Tarragon Flounder**

**INGREDIENTS:**  
 2 flounder fillets (4 oz/113 g each)  
 1/2 cup (125 ml) chicken broth  
 2 tbsp (25 ml) butter, melted

1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh tarragon or 1 tsp (5 ml) dried tarragon  
 1 tsp (5 ml) ground mustard  
**METHOD:**  
 1. Place fillets in a greased 11-in. x 7-in. x 2-in. (28 cm x 18 cm x 5 cm) baking dish. Combine remaining

ingredients; pour over fish.  
 2. Bake, uncovered, at 350 F (180 C) for 20-25 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Remove to a serving plate with a slotted spatula. Serve immediately.

**SERVES 2**

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**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
 You're no stranger to hard work and as from today you will begin to enjoy the rewards of your labours.



**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
 You will experience one of those "Eureka" moments today. Out of nowhere you will see the pattern that you have somehow missed.



**LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
 You may have been in the dark of late but as from today you will understand what has been going on and why you were kept out of the loop.



**SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
 You may have found it hard to explain why you believe certain apparently illogical things, but today you'll find your tongue.



**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
 You may have found it difficult to confide in people in recent weeks but now the cosmic picture is beginning to change and you can get through.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
 For various reasons, both personal and professional, you have held back from letting certain people know what you think of them.



**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
 Even if you are one of those Cancerians who knows how to charm, you may have found it hard to communicate your feelings in recent weeks.



**CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
 You rarely leave anything to chance and with mind planet Mercury aspecting your ruler Saturn, you will know with absolute certainty.



**LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
 You owe someone a favor and if you go out of your way to make good on it today, they may even end up owing you.



**AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
 If you are having second thoughts about a deal you signed up to there is still time to back out of, but it's got to be now.



**VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
 A Mercury-Saturn union in your sign means you can see things as they are rather than as you wish them to be.



**PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
 Don't worry if you have found it hard to get through to loved ones in recent weeks because today's Mercury-Saturn union in your opposite sign will help.



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